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Cachagua Area Plan Committee Protests EIR

By Dick Heuer

An old-fashioned shoot-out is brewing over the Cachagua Area Plan.

A seven-member Citizens Advisory Committee drafted a plan that expresses the "leave us alone" philosophy that is characteristic of Cachagua. The County, on the other hand, drafted the environmental impact report (EIR) on that plan, and the EIR specifies the regulations, permits and inspections that would be required to implement the plan.

Advisory committee members charge that the County's EIR has changed the intent of the residents' plan.

The first shots were fired at the initial public hearing on the plan and EIR before the Planning Commission on February 10. Charity Crane, advisory committee chair, told the planning commissioners that the EIR is "biased and dishonest."

David Ostrander, a member of the advisory committee, said "The EIR doesn't represent our plan at all. The County has re-done our plan, so it is not now a workable plan as far as I'm concerned."

After testimony was heard from 19 Cachagua property owners or their attorneys, the public hearing was continued until 2:30 p.m. on February 24, at which time additional public testimony will be heard. The commission appointed a subcommittee to study and evaluate the public concerns and make recommendations to the full commission. The subcommittee consists of Commissioner Marit Evans, chair, and Commissioners O. M. Orrett, Manuel Jimenez and Louis Calcagno. Their report will be due about March 30.

In summarizing her criticism of the EIR, Crane said the mitigation measures it would require are "extremely hard on the

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Radar Would Limit Speeding On Valley Road, CHP Says

By Dick Heuer

"One CHP officer with a radar gun would have a dramatic impact on speeding on Carmel Valley Road," according to Tod Morrison, Public Affairs Officer at the Salinas office of the California Highway Patrol.

Speaking to a general meeting of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association devoted to traffic issues, Morrison informed the audience of 95 Valley residents that the community would have to raise the funds to buy the radar for the CHP. This has been done successfully in other areas, Morrison said. He estimated the cost at $2,500.

An informal show of hands revealed overwhelming support for the use of radar to control speeding on the Valley Road, and for the CVPOA to look into raising the needed funds. After the meeting, CVPOA President Dick Nimmons asked Rod Mills to investigate the possibility. Mills, chairman of the CVPOA Roads and Trails Committee, will report his findings at the March 9 CVPOA board meeting.

Other speakers at the forum were Bruce McClain, Director of Public Works for Monterey County; Lynne Mounday, senior planner in the Monterey County Planning Department; and Alexander Henson, local environmentalist attorney.

Morrison offered statistics on accidents on the Valley Road. During the past fiscal year, violating right of way rules was the principal cause of accidents, with 43 accidents resulting in 15 injuries. Unsafe speed caused 31 accidents, unsafe turning 26 accidents, and driving under the influence 15 accidents.

Of the 15 accidents caused by driving under the influence, six were on the curve at Country Club Drive.

In response to a question from Patricia Bernardi, Morrison confirmed that the four-lane section of the road is just as dangerous as the two-lane section. During this past December, there were six accidents along the four-lane segment and nine on the much longer two-lane portion of the road.

Morrison offered to give classes or talks on safe driving to local groups or organizations. To avoid accidents, he emphasized the need for a "high visual horizon" — looking ahead rather than focusing on the license plate of the car immediately in front.

Bruce McClain discussed plans to widen Carmel Valley Road to four lanes out to Robinson Canyon Road. The County has $160,000 in the budget this year to start environmental studies and review the plan lines. This needs to be done before starting to acquire property.

McClain noted that highway dollars are almost non-existent, however. Without additional sources of money, he said, "widening to Robinson Canyon Road is not in the cards for the next ten years." The first step would be widening to Valley Greens Drive. That might be possible earlier if there were new sources of funding, such as the half-cent increase in the

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Petition Drive
Campaign To Ban CV Open Burning

A campaign to ban open burning in Carmel Valley is now being organized, Dr. Thomas Ainsworth told a general meeting of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association on February 10.

"We have given those who burn three years to show us they can use common sense in burning. They have failed. If the law to control burning properly cannot be enforced, it should be eliminated. Our only choice is to abolish open burning entirely," Ainsworth said.

In a show of hands after Dr. Ainsworth's talk, about two-thirds of the 95 residents present at the CVPOA meeting indicated support for the proposed ban on open burning. About one-third were opposed.

The local fire departments, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and Board of Supervisors all have authority to ban outdoor burning. "We will organize a petition drive to persuade them to exercise that authority," Ainsworth said. "If they don't act, we will put it on the ballot for a public vote."

Meteorological conditions in Carmel Valley are identical to Los Angeles and San Jose. The air pollution district declared this a smoke-sensitive area in 1985. Since then, attempts to control open burning have not worked, Dr. Ainsworth told the CVPOA audience.

Dr. Ainsworth, who heads the CVPOA Air Quality Committee, said that the air pollution district staff recommended a maximum of 15 burn permits per day be issued by each of the three fire districts in the Valley. The Board of Supervisors overruled the staff recommendation and permitted 25 permits per day.

The main problems, according to Dr. Ainsworth, are what is burned, how it is burned, and the occasional temperature inversions. Rules against burning damp or green material are often ignored, and this generates far more smoke than necessary.

Climatic readings that determine permissible burn days are taken over Salinas, where conditions may be totally different than in Carmel Valley. Dr. Ainsworth explained that one of the worst days ever in the Valley was this January 28th. That was a Thursday, when all three fire districts together issued only 30 permits, but there was a temperature inversion that trapped the smoke near the ground.

"For the many people in the Valley with asthma, emphysema or other respiratory problems, smoke is a serious health hazard," Dr. Ainsworth said. "For others, it is at least a nuisance."

"About 15 percent of Valley residents apply for burn permits. Carmel, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach have all banned outdoor burning. Carmel Valley is the only smoke-sensitive area on the Peninsula that continues to permit it," he said.

Dr. Ainsworth asked that persons interested in helping with the petition drive contact him at 659-3735, Patty Mann at 659-0182, or Erma Behrent at 659-5142.

Water Status Report — The river is flowing at Rosie's Bridge in the Village (right photo) but remains bone dry at Via Mallorca (left photo). Actually, the river stops running between Via Petra and Valley Greens Drive. The flow of water into the river system is now only slightly greater than the amount being pumped out for water supply. The aquifer that provides our principal water supply is still 32 percent depleted, according to Joe Oliver, hydrologist at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. (*Sun* photos.)

LETTERS

Unofficial Litter Survey

I thought you may be interested in the results of an informal survey conducted along Carmel Valley Road between the Village and the Cachagua turn off.

The survey consisted of an examination of the roadside litter performed over several days by a runner along the aforementioned route. I must emphasize that, by its very nature, the survey was unscientific and inexact. However, certain conclusions could be drawn.

First, Budweiser is truly the King of Beers, outnumbering its closest competitor by 3 to 1. Coors almost did take the crown by virtue of a 12 pack package but upon closer examination it was found to contain only 3 empties. Coors Light was a distant third. The sightings of normally rare Corona bottles stopped west of the Los Tulares turnoff. This fact may require further socio-economic investigation.

Generic styrofoam cups outnumbered their 7-11 and MacDonalds competitors by a large number. I think this is a clear indication that Valley people do indeed, shop locally.

One other conclusion may be drawn from the survey. Although for obvious reasons the facts supporting this conclusion were not closely examined, it appears that Pampers are the disposable diaper of choice.

T. Frank Quilty

Wall-To-Wall

The following letter to Assemblyman Sam Farr was also sent to the Sun for publication.

Dear Mr. Farr:

As you said in your letter to M. Thomas Pollock, Cal Trans District Director, of November 3, 1987, the "Wall" from the Carmel Valley Road Interchange to Rio Road and across Carmel River would be and remain the most objectionable aspect of the new US-1.

This "wall" in case of a flood could also become a "dam" with "floodgates" at the Carmel Valley and Rio Road underpasses. This "wall" might also cause the flooding of commercial and private properties, as it would block about half of the flood plain. Diversion of waters to Odello Ranch by lowering of levies may only be a partial relief as Highway 1 south of the river is also elevated in comparison to the fields, and your flood plain map in the EIS shows the present US-1 south of the Carmel River was only very partially flooded in 1958 near the bridge over the Carmel River.

An "at grade intersection" at Rio Road would stop the flow of traffic and probably create dangerous conditions. Access to the shopping centers at the Barnyard and Crossroads might prove a major drawback rather than an advantage, because of the time wasted to get there.

Certainly the traffic would continue to back up in all four directions making it impossible for emergency vehicles to proceed in any direction. Presently, at certain times, the traffic backs up from Carmel Highlands to Ocean Avenue and Carmel Rancho Boulevard to the Carmel Mission.

I did talk in early December with Mr. Ken Jones of CalTrans and, because of my background in transportation, I would like to offer this suggestion which has not been mentioned so far.

Rather than putting the next US-1 on a raised earthen "berm" or embanquement, the suggestion would be to put the new US-1 at a lower level or at least at grade and depress it to go under the present Rio Road and then go back up to cross the Carmel River according to alternative 1C.

This may mean also that the interchange of the Carmel Valley Road might be above the new US-1 rather than under to avoid flooding in particular.

These advantages would follow:

1. The new highway would not create a "wall."
2. It would nearly be invisible, create less noise and probably reduce or eliminate the need for most of the 15 or 20 feet high sound barriers to be erected on both sides of the new and present US-1.
3. If there is a worry of flooding, the access way to and from the Carmel Valley interchange should join the new US-1 at a point high enough in the canyon which would prevent flooding at the junction with the new US-1. The old US-1 would be a by-pass unless there would be major flooding and could handle the traffic as local and tourist traffic is very minimal in case of storms along the coast.
4. Depressed and under water tunnels are common place. A local example is the tunnel in Monterey near Fisherman's Wharf. Other highways have been built in California and the U.S. in more difficult situations. If going under the water table, the use of pumps in case of rain is common place as they presently exist along Rio Road.
5. To give better access from the South to the Shopping Center, an off-ramp could be built for North bound traffic right after the bridge over the Carmel River and merge at Rio Road close to the present site of Bank of America. From the North, access to Rio Road would appear at least equal or better than present conditions.
6. Certainly the cost may be higher but besides removing the "wall", it may avoid flooding the Shopping Centers, remove most of the objection without changing the basic traffic flow to Alternative 1C. Most of all, it would keep the traffic moving, which is the main benefit of building the new highway. Otherwise, why spend $25 million dollars to keep the same congestion in all four directions.
7. It is obvious that only 3 solutions are possible for the intersection, and if an "overpass" or "at grade" intersection presents serious problems, why not consider the third alternative. Most people to whom this was presented agreed on the merit of this proposition.
8. Therefore, while time is important, it is better to consider the best alternative from all points of view.
9. Whatever our opinion may be, our opportunity according to your last letter would be February 19, 1988 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Monterey County Courthouse, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, in the main Conference Room on the ground floor. At that time, Greiner Engineering Inc. would also propose a series of optional designs for an at grade intersection at Rio Road and their inputs on other components of the freeway (such as the Carmel Valley Road interchange).

Michael S. Troian

Yard Burning Defended

The hue and cry that a few persons make every year regarding backyard burning is unrealistic.

The hours and days for burning are strictly limited, as are the number of fires on any given day.

The dates of the burn-season are determined by the experts of the Fire Protection District. The burning-program is extremely well-conceived and administered.

Most importantly, the ability to burn on-the-spot encourages owners to cut back brush and engage in pruning that will help prevent the spread of fires during the dry months. One has only to recall the recent Pebble Beach fire, fueled by dense brush, to realize the importance of this.

To simply outlaw burning because it is an occasional inconvenience would be an overreaction versus the benefits that accrue.

Having come from an area that often had fires, I'll take the occasional inconvenience from backyard burning any day.

Lastly, if those who protest burning are as concerned as they claim, why didn't they comment on the enormous amounts of burning that would occur as part of the brush-clearing for a new dam?

The information was certainly available to all in the draft E.I.R.

Frederick M. Slabaugh

Poor Pelicans

How cruel can people be. Leaving the poor pelicans who have been tamed over the years to die from slow starvation. Imagine signs warning people not to feed them. They don't want them.

My father, Pop Ernest, who started the first commercial business in the wharf in 1919 with his abalone and fish restaurant, regaled his customers with stories of the many wild animals and birds around the bay area. It's unbelievable to think that all these institutions which are for the protection of all animals are behind this cruel slaughter.

First it was shoot the coots on Lake El Estero; next fishermen were told to net and kill the sea otters. Now it's the pelicans because they eat too many fish. If they don't want the pelicans here why not try to catch them and ship them away; send them to places that would like to have them. To slowly starve them to death is so very cruel. This will go down in Monterey history. "MONTEREY, HANG YOUR HEAD IN SHAME!"

Vera Stokes

CVPOA Election

Dick Nimmons was re-elected president of Carmel Valley Property Owners Association in a mail ballot of the organization's almost 1,000 members. Election results were announced at the CVPOA general meeting February 10.

Rod Mills was re-elected vice president and Ileene Crane-Franks treasurer. Newly elected officers are Betsy Shea, recording secretary, and Feesie Heuer, corresponding secretary.

Incumbent directors Robert Greenwood and Don Harrison were re-elected to another two year term. Newly elected directors are Max Chaplin, Vernon Juergens and Kenneth Walker.

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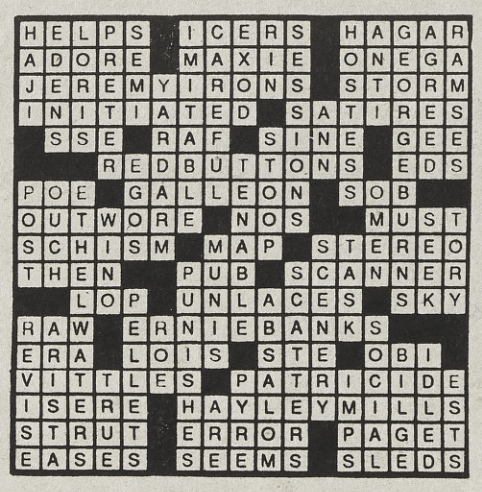

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Village Improvement Association Weighs Beautification, Vandals

Carmel Valley Village Improvement Association elected 1988 officers, considered Village beautification projects and continued vandalism Feb. 12.

An unopposed slate of nominating committee candidates was voted into office by acclamation in 1987 President Randy Randazzo's last official act.

Joining Allaire in office are Hollee Farmer as vice-president, Glenn Curries, who will remain as treasurer until a volunteer can be found to assume the role, and Thelma P. Lee as secretary.

Discussions centered upon the $60 annual dues, with Curries instructed to negotiate split payments, exchange of services or other arrangements if needed by individuals.

The consensus was that the CVVIA needs additional funding, but not at the price of driving away members with the higher dues structure.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman acknowledged a letter from the association requesting the county take no action to eliminate any of the Village pathway easements

Prospects for improving the "Western Entrance" Village sign area were reviewed, with several possibilities discussed.

Village resident, Vern Sciocchetti, requested consideration of various proposals for reducing and controlling vandalism, both in the immediate Village area and along the Carmel River.

He advised that with the season's extremely low water levels in the river, Steelhead poachers and gross littering of the river area are even greater problems than normal.

A number of irresponsible local juveniles are guilty of repeated poaching with gear which would be illegal, even if fishing were open with an adequate water flow, he advised.

Association members also considered the problem within the Village proper, of "hooligans" cutting wires at the base of existing street lights, particularly on Delfino Place.

A number of proposals were reviewed and a committee launched to seek solutions to the combined vandal/poacher/hooligan situation.

Carmel High's Band Picked for Brisbane's Expo '88 in Australia

Carmel High School's 54 member band/orchestra has been invited to perform June 26 during World Expo '88 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Director Richard Robins told the Sun this week that band students are reviewing prospects of making the trip "down under," at a cost of between $1500 and $1800 peach.

"We aren't about to commit unless we feel there is realistic hope for raising the money needed. It is an honor to be invited, if we can afford it," Robins says.

Between Performances—Carmel High Band musicians have a year-round season, punctuated with a relatively few public performances. Yet every week , they 're dedicated to practice. Here Matt Gardner and Jessica Westcott practice sax harmonies in the band room until Director Richard Robins is at least partially satisfied, preparing for the May Spring Concert, and hopefully a summer trip to the Brisbane, Austrailia Expo. ((Mike Baker Photo)

Ronald E. Bean Exhibits at Manor

Valley Watercolorist Ronald E. Bean is showing this month at Carmel Valley Manor's Hallway Gallery.

Bean, a watercolor purist, uses only transparent color in his romantic realism style, concentrating primarily upon landscapes.

An agency art director in Chicago, Bean studied at Chicago Academy of Art, Art Institute and Grinnell College in his native Iowa. Upon retirement from agency work, he studied with Rex Brandt, Dong Kingman and other masters.

Bean has sketched and painted throughout most of the U.S., Europe and Mexico, exhibiting in the Chicago area, Delaware, El Paso, North Carolina and on the Peninsula.

New Hours At Carmel Valley Post Office

Commencing February 16, the Carmel Valley Post Office will open at 9 a.m., an hour later than usual, and close at 4:30 p.m., according to Postmaster Terry Williams.

"The new hours are a result of the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987," Williams explained. "The Postal Service has had to absorb $1.2 billion in budget cutbacks, and one result is that window services must be adjusted. To lessen the impact, these adjustments were made after conferring with customers."

According to Williams, the Postal Service made the adjustment in window hours "with great regret."

"As a matter of fact, most actions we took to 'bite the bullet' will not effect customer service," Williams said.

Internal actions include delaying construction of new post office buildings, a freeze on administrative hiring, and reductions in training and travel.

"We will do our best to get through this difficult period while maintaining as much as possible the high service standards Carmel Valley people have come to expect," Williams said.

Suggestions on how to better adjust the service to meet the public's needs are welcome.

Former Valley Resident Honored

Madeleine Dudley Clark, long-time former resident of Carmel Valley was honored with the prestigious Athena Business Woman of the Year Award from the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce on January 23 during the chamber's annual dinner-dance at the Sherwood Hall. About 350 people attended the event.

With her husband, David, Clark owns Western Graphics, a full service commercial print shop in San Juan Bautista.

Clark is the founder of the Salinas Valley Business Women's Network, which now has a membership of over 150 women from all over the Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley. They meet monthly to encourage and stimulate business among the professional women who belong to the organization.

'Hey Coach!...' Can Mean You

Carmel Valley Little League seeks volunteer coaches and assistant coaches for three of their minor league teams.

The only requirements for the job are:

1. "Basic" understanding of baseball.
2. Desire to have fun with children.
3. Time for two or three games and a couple of practices each week, from April through June. (A healthy sense of humor comes in handy too!)

The new Little League Board of Directors is enthusiastically preparing for the 1988 baseball season.

This year's president is Richard Rosenthal, who would be happy to answer any questions and offer encouragement to prospective new coaches.

For further information call Richard or Kate Rosenthal at 659-4077, or vice-president Lee Goldman at 624-9202.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

THEFTS AND NEAR THEFTS

EL CAMINITO. Resident reports burglary. No value given. 2/1.

CARMEL VALLEY MANOR. Resident reports theft of antique Snuff Bottle. No value given. 2/1.

CARMEL LIFESTYLES, THE BARNYARD. Owner reports theft of 18 Sergio Taccinia label warm-up suits with a total value of $2,880. Possibly occurred while store was open. 2/1.

DO RE MI, THE BARNYARD. Owner reports his office broken into a cash, checks, credit card receipts taken. Total value: $500 approximately. 2/7.

CARMEL CENTER PLACE. Business owner reports someone took a satellite dish from the rear of the office building. *(Had to be Atlas, Hercules, or Schwartzenegger; those dishes are BIG!)* 2/8.

FOR BETTER ...OR WORSE

VALLEY PL. Woman reports having an argument with her husband over his drinking problem. 2/1.

LOS ARBOLES. Resident reports receiving a threatening postcard from her ex-boyfriend in Ojai, CA. *(Maybe he didn't have a 22 cent stamp.)* 2/8.

RIO RD. ARCO. CHP reported their officers were out with a fight victim at Rio Road Arco. Contacted Suisun City woman and Santa Cruz man. Couple met on the highway and had an argument over where they were going. *(How did they meet on the highway? Fender to fender? Bumper to Bumper?)* 2/9.

SKY RANCH. Woman reports her husband returned to their home drunk and upset. During an argument involving the whole family, he brandished a gun at her. Gun taken from husband by complainant's son. 2/9.

THE YOUNGER DEGENERATION

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE. Pacific Gas & Electric supervisor reports juveniles cutting wires at the base of electric poles to turn off lights in parking lot of Sweet Retreat Bakery. Occurred four times last month. Requests frequent area checks. 2/8.

TULARCITOS SCHOOL. Head custodian reports vandalism at school. Fence boards broken, electric conduit bent, and a shelf torn off exterior wall. Lots of beer bottles in area. 2/8.

CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Vice principal reports a juvenile in custody for selling live ammunition on campus. *(The question is: How did he get the ammunition?)* 2/10.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

CANADA LANE. Man reports ongoing problem with his neighbor. 2/1.

HOLMAN RD. Resident called to report past tense barking dog. *(What was past tense, the barking or the dog?)* 2/2.

GARDINER'S TENNIS RANCH. Tennis pro reports repo-man had brandished a revolver at him and threatened to shoot his car if he didn't give it back to him. *(Tennis, anyone?)* 2.2

ROBINSON CYN RD. Anonymous caller reported shots fired in Robinson Canyon. Local DVM found tracking a mountain lion who had attacked his dog on the front porch. 2/2.

CLOCKTOWER PL. Janitor reports finding a black male, 30 years old, beard, yellow jacket, blue jeans, sitting in the utility room there *(It was cold outside, wasn't it?)* 2/3.

CARMEL VALLEY POST OFFICE. Postmaster reports someone partying in the Post Office after hours. They have poured beer into the P.O. boxes. He requests frequent after-hour area checks. 2/3.

SCHULTE RD. Anonymous report of a large, noisy party nearby. Resident contacted, and party broken up. 2/6.

QUAIL LODGE. Night manager reports Fresno couple left without paying their bill. They were stopped and they paid the bill. 2/6.

JENSEN'S CAMP. Resident arrested on outstanding warrant and transported to County Jail. 2/7.

THE CROSSROADS. Monterey Peninsula Security reports a vehicle containing a lot of personal property abandoned to the rear of Merrill Lynch office. 2/8.

RIO RD. Resident reports neighbor's trailer on a portion of her property, and the gas man cannot get his truck on her property to replace gas. *(A potentially explosive situation!)* 2/9.

ALBERTSON'S. Carmel woman called to report a man had taken a picture of her daughter in Albertson's store. *(A talent scout, maybe?)* 2/9.

HIDDEN VALLEY INN. Desk clerk reports that a Hermosa Beach man left owing one night's lodging. 2/10.

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE. Two Cachagua men, roommates, fighting in Tin Lizzie Parking lot over a rent dispute. 2/10.

CV RD. & VIA MALLORCA. Two white horses escaped from an unknown pasture and were found on roadway at CV Road and Via Mallorca. Ranch hands from September Ranch have the horses and are waiting for owner to contact SPCA. *(Silver & Son/Daughter?)* 2/10.

VANDALISM

CALLE DE ESTA. Resident reports Upper Circle sign torn down. 2/3.

ROBINSON CYN RD. Resident reports past tense vandalism to his airplane at CV Airport. Both tires were slashed. No value given. 2/5.

ASOLEADO DR. Resident reports damage to his mailbox. 2/6.

CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL. Patrol observation of damage to lawn at northeast corner of property by vehicle spinning out. 2/7.

THE BARNYARD. Colt Lane woman reports her windshield broken while it was parked in the Barnyard near the Cornucopia. 2/9.

CV RD. & ESQUILINE. Manager of Robles Del Rio Lodge reports vandals destroyed Lodge sign at the intersection of CV Road and Esquiline. 2/9.

CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK

MID VALLEY SAFEWAY. Clerk reports that a Carmel Valley woman has been passing bad checks. No amount given. 2/5.

ODDS & ENDS

CARMEL KNOLLS. Resident reports losing her 35 mm camera at Rancho Canada Golf Course on December 17, 1987. *(No avid photographer she!)* 2/2.

Flames Destroy Valley Temple

The Korean Buddhist Sambosa (temple) on Robinson Canyon Road, one mile from Carmel Valley Road was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night.

The temple and grounds are owned by Mrs. Lee, having been constructed by her family about 1973.

Mid-Valley Fire Department Marshall Sydney Reade reports structural loss at more than $250,000, with the 2,500 sq. ft., open-beam-ceiling frame structure totally destroyed along with contents, including valuable religious art objects and artifacts, many irreplaceable.

The fire's origin was placed in the alter area, with department investigators still seeking the cause late Monday.

Mid-Valley engines responded shortly before 11 p.m. Sunday. Flames were visible to firemen as soon as they cleared firehouse doors. The Mutual Aid Plan was activated with six engines, more than 50 firefighters, requiring in excess of two hours to 'knock down" the fire with "exterior effort."

There were no injuries.

Carmel Valley, Carmel and Monterey County Service Area 43 (Rio Road) engines assisted in the effort, with one Mid-Valley engine remaining all night to control spot fires and hot spots.

Gabrielle Lists Needs For Baja Children

Efforts to assist impoverished natives of the Cabo San Lucas area of Baja California continue with Gabrielle Esperanza.

Through Valley friends, Gabrielle reports continued need for all sizes of children's and infant's clothing, bedding and blankets, and medical supplies for fevers, sores, insect bites, intestinal infections and common colds.

She is attempting to start a fund for a rudimentary children's hospital, in a situation where she reports, "Even a $5.00 gift would mean a great deal."

In addition, even the simplest of toys would be of value for children who have never known playthings.

Contributions can be sent to:
Gabrielle Esperanza, General Delivery
Cabo San Lucas, Baja, Mexico, SUR.

Junior High School Parent Orientation Set February 24

Carmel Middle School's Fifth Grade Parents' Orientation will be at 7 p.m., February 24 in the Library.

The orientation is designed as an opportunity for parents of Fifth Graders to become fully advised of the district's Sixth Grade and Junior High School programs.

Staff and student presentations will demonstrate academic programs, arts and crafts, performing arts, student government, athletics and Middle School's strong music program.

Principal Karl Pallastrini joined Joyce Olcese and Jesse Ososki, as Parent-Faculty Club and Student Council presidents, respectively, in urging all Fifth Grade parents' presence for the session.

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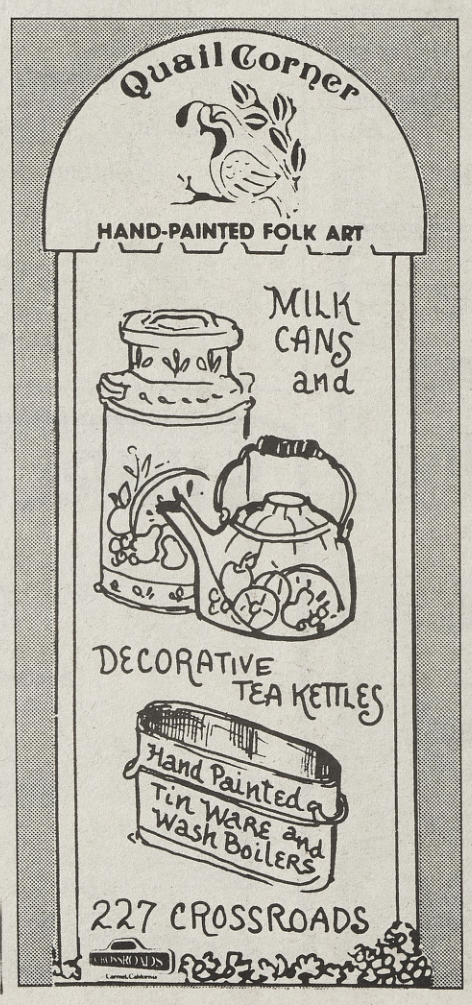

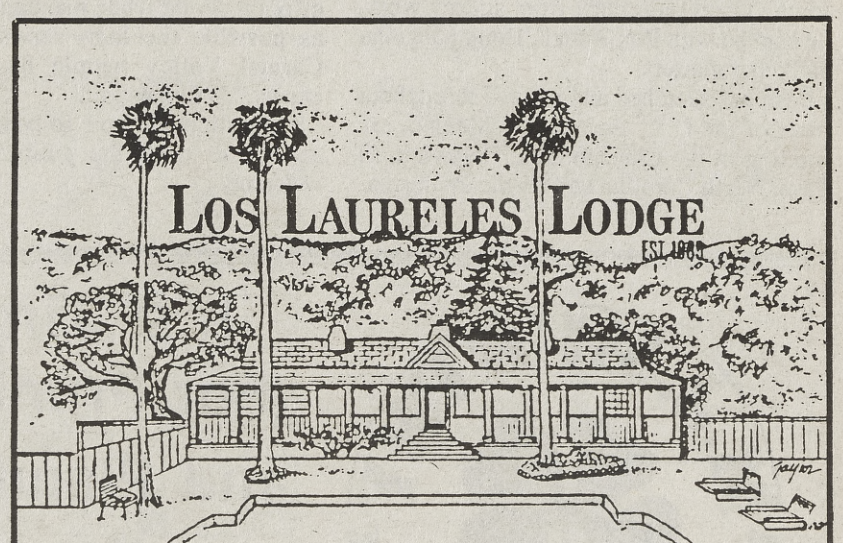

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Valley People

By Grace Darcy

Some of the youngsters at Carmel Middle School were delighted recently when they received a letter from Monsignor C. Sepe, written at the direction of Pope John Paul II. The letter was addressed to DR. JO BRAZELL, Language Arts instructor, who accompanied a group of Middle School youngsters to Spain early last year. Those children were invited to see the Pope during his visit here, and they met the King of Spain, who also was here for the Pope's visit. Later, the youngsters sent Pope some gifts, including a Middle School Yearbook, a book of photographs of Carmel, and a book about the Monterey Peninsula. The youngsters wrote a note to the Pope under their names in the yearbook.

The letter from Monsignor Sepe, written from the Secretariat of State, Vatican City, said:

"I am writing at the direction of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to express his thanks for the volumes presented on the occasion of his pastoral visit to the United States.

"He wishes you to know that he is grateful for this gift and he will pray for you and for all those associated in this kind gesture.

"In the love of our Savior His Holiness cordially invokes abundant divine blessings upon you and upon Carmel Middle School."

Enclosed in the letter was a picture of the Pope taken for his visit "to the Church in the United States of America, September 10-19, 1987."

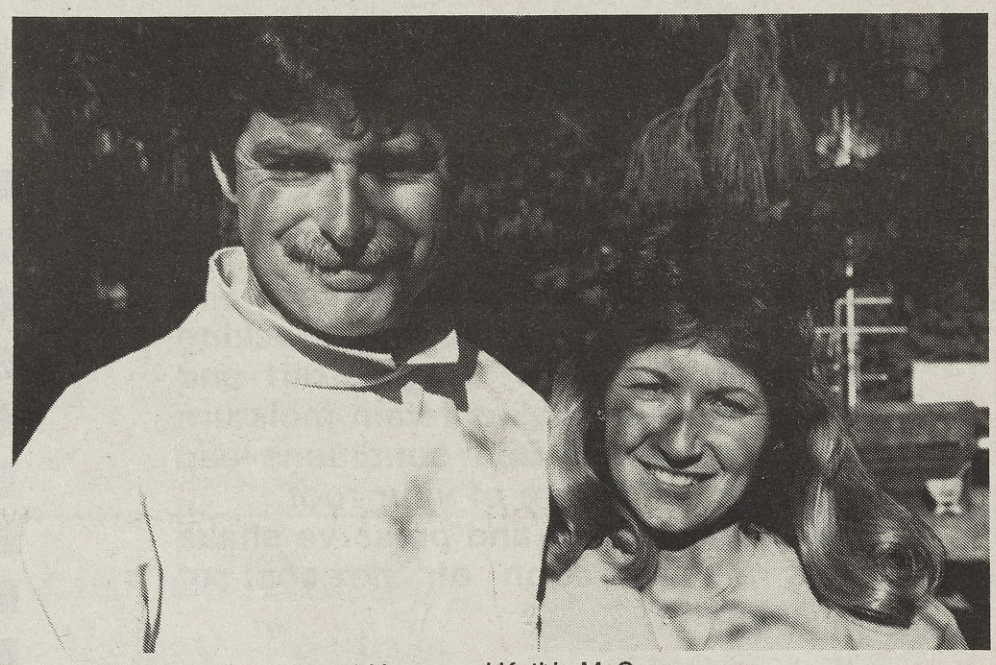
Needless to say, the kids were ecstatic!

Don't forget to drop by the Carmel Valley Library to see some of artist ANN RIZZO'S work there. The exhibit includes a bronze and terracotta sculpture and a series of monotypes, inspired by Carmel Valley landscapes, that are "one of a kind" prints.

ANN'S work also can be seen at The Fireside Gallery, Carmel, and at The Reid Gallery in The Barnyard.

DR. MARIA DALY feted her husband, DR. JIM DALY, on the occasion of his birthday (number of years carefully deleted). The DALY'S daughter, JENNIFER, home on vacation from Santa Barbara, was one of the many guests celebrating this special day. Lots of fun for all, and sumptuous food as well!

That's all 'til next time. If there's something happening in your life, please drop us a line.



David Loop and Kathie McCrary

McCrary, Loop Nuptials In March

Kathie McCrary of Carmel Valley and David Loop of Carmel have announced that their wedding will take place in late March at the Mission Ranch. Carmel Valley's Will Fay will perform the ceremony.

Valerie Weber of Carmel Valley will be Ms. McCrary's best woman, and Douglas Steiny will be Mr. Loop's best man. Attendant will be Sherrie Smith, Santa Cruz, and usher will be Robert Monnastes, Pacific Grove.

Ms. McCrary is the daughter of Gloria Welch of Marina and Tom McCrary of Monterey. Mr. Loop is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin F. Loop of Carmel. He has two sisters, Kristine Estes of Pacific Grove, and Kathryn Palastrini of Carmel.

Kathie McCrary was a partner with Carmel and Jim Billeb in the Carmel Valley Business Service for five years. When the Billebs retired a year ago, the corporation was reformed with Ms. McCrary, Teresa Sakasagawa, and Lynn Sakasagawa as its principals.

Mr. Loop has been in the Porsche repair business on an off since 1970. For a time, he worked for Porsche/Audi in Oregon, but returned to the area in 1981 and opened the Peninsula Porsche Service in Sand City. In 1985, he moved the business to its present location at the Quail Lodge service station. He also manages the Mobil Station for the Green Meadows Corporation, and subsequently purchased the automobile polishing business there from Douglas Steiny.

After a honeymoon in the wine country, the couple will make their home in Carmel along with Kathie's son, Lucas.

How did they meet, you ask? Well, their mutual friend, Doug Steiny, introduced them. The rest is history.

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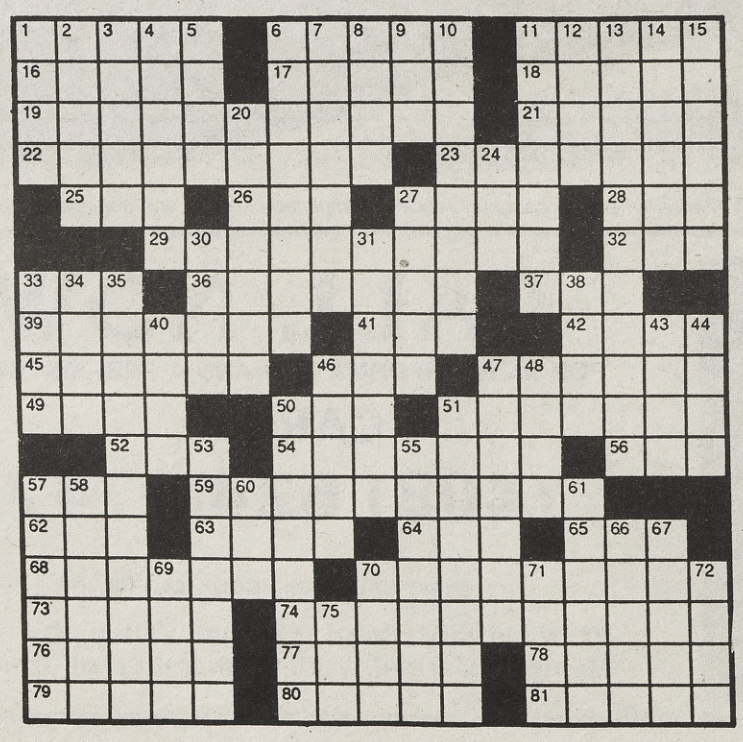

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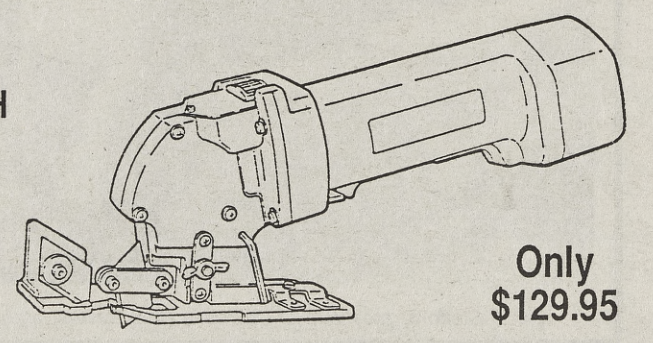

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Mo Orrett Joins Planning Commission

L. M. (Mo) Orrett is the new 5th District member of the Monterey County Planning Commission. He was nominated by Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman to replace David Hendrick, whose term expired.

Orrett, who lives in Pebble Beach, worked for the Monterey County Department of Public Works for 23 years until retiring in 1984. He was the supervising civil engineer in charge of the design, construction, traffic and transportation planning departments.

More recently, Orrett has been chairman of the Del Monte Forest advisory committee to the Planning Commission and chairman of the Del Monte Forest traffic committee.

Supervisor Strasser Kauffman praised Orrett's "environmental outlook, technical expertise, and knowledge of the County and County government."

In an interview with the *Sun*, Orrett said he "intends to renew acquaintances in the Valley and down the coast to make certain he understands what people are thinking, and that the commission gets that information."

Orrett says, "We have adopted some lovely land use plans to make this a very nice place to live. The difficulty is that the world outside the Peninsula has so many problems that will impinge upon us. If the outside world is headed for trouble, and we say we are headed for paradise, we will have a hard time keeping the rest of the world out."

Orrett wants to be "very careful about issuing variances," and to "hold as close as possible to the Carmel Valley Master Plan unless there are very good reasons to make changes."

While working for the County, Orrett played a major role in many decisions concerning Carmel Valley Road. Back in 1969, Carmel Valley Road was one of the first in the country to have raised reflective markers. Orrett chaired a committee of the Institute of Transportation Engineers that proposed national standards for these markers. Our Valley Road was part of the experimentation before the standards were adopted.

Orrett developed the plan to prohibit the left turn from Carmel Valley Road onto Highway 1, and to route the southbound traffic via Carmel Rancho Boulevard and Rio Road instead. He was instrumental in getting the signs that announce road intersections in advance. He was also involved in designing the controversial Robinson Canyon intersection.

Retired Federal Workers Study Taxes

Retired federal employees will meet at 1 p.m. Monday (Feb. 22) in the New Monterey Neighborhood Center for a talk on taxes.

Beth Davis, Salinas IRS office's manager of IRS agents, will discuss "The Tax Reform Act of 1986, Related to the Year 1987, for Retirees and Their Spouses."

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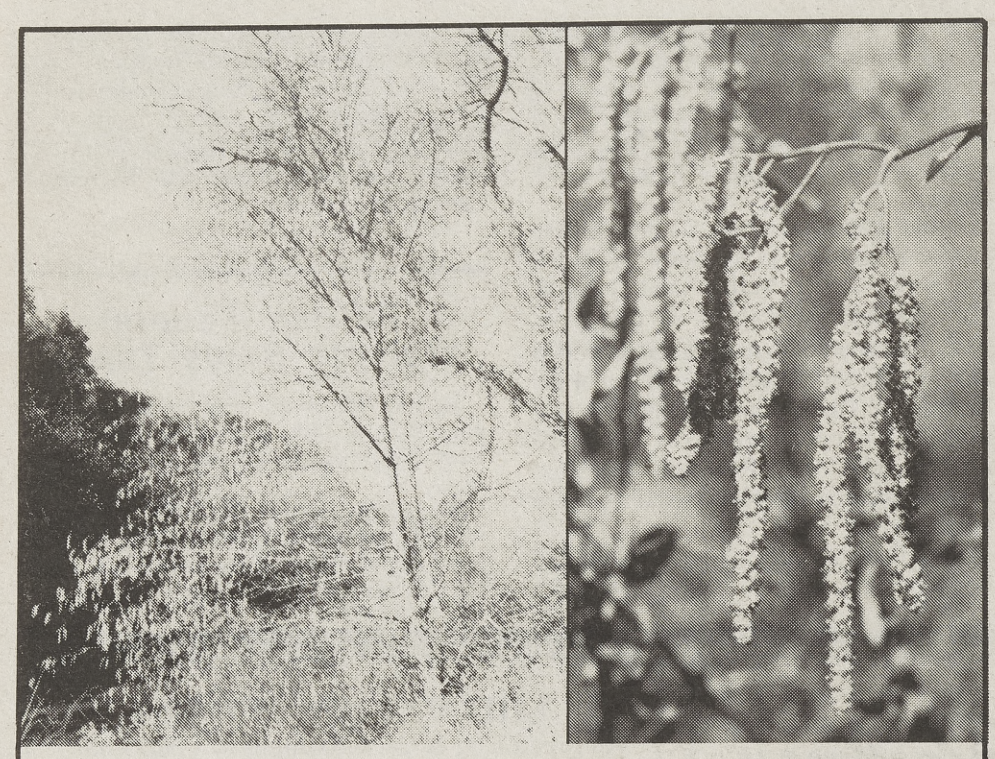

What's Blooming?

By Marilyn Raynes

Alders are deciduous trees that like to have their feet in the water and that grow unbelievably fast. Along the section of the Carmel River that I am familiar with, they all died during the drought less than ten years ago, yet today they are plentiful and 30 — 40 feet tall. This month, before the leaves appear, they are decorated with tassel-like greenish yellow male flower catkins (in clusters). The White Alder (Alnus rhombifolia) is native along streams throughout most of California's foothills.

Video Review

Courtesy of Valley Video

If you're a Richard Burton fan — and we are — you must see *Circle of Two*, one of the last films he made before he died. Co-starring with Burton is Tatum O'Neal in a sensitive role as a young girl (almost 16) who falls desperately in love with Burton, who is an aging artist. Ashley St. Clair has not painted for ten years. He is 60, disillusioned, and has escaped from the big city to lick his wounds in a barn/studio near a small town. Enter Sara, a bright, charming almost 16-year-old. They meet when she attempts to escape her school boyfriend in an ice cream parlor. She tells him she's a writer; he offers to read her work. The friendship begins. She goads him into painting again, and when he complains that his work is not good, she tells him to do it again...and again, if necessary.

The film beautifully captures the emotions of a man of sixty who, despite his best efforts, falls in love with a 16-year-old. His deep love for Sara and his understanding of the futility of such a romance allow Burton to pull out all of the emotional stops, and he does it superbly. O'Neal's Sara brings the viewer a lovely girl who innocently thinks love surmounts all obstacles, even such a disparity in age. "Okay, so when I'm 60, you'll be 104," she says defensively as he explains how impossible any relationship beyond friendship would be.

We won't tell you how it ends, but we will tell you to see it. A thought provoking movie, *Circle of Two* is nicely acted by Burton and O'Neal with a talented supporting cast. Rated PG-13.

Wildrose, an off-beat movie produced by Red Ghost Films, stars Lisa Eichorn as a miner in Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Mines. Rose, divorced from her brutal, drunken husband, tries to make her living in a traditionally male stronghold. With a few other women, she suffers the catcalls and cruelties of her male counterparts, but refuses to leave her job. She meets and has an affair with one of the miners, played nicely by Tom Bower. He gives up mining and joins his brother as a fisherman in another state. He wants Rose to join him, but she senses a loss of her own integrity and identity, and refuses.

The neat part of this movie is that the supporting cast is comprised of the townspeople of Eveleth, Minnesota, situated next to the Mesabi mines. The viewer joins the locals at church, at a picnic, on their front porches — real people acting in a real story. *Wildrose* is somewhat slow-paced, but worth seeing. Unrated.

Superman IV is a plea to end the nuclear arms race. Superman (Christopher Reeve) addresses the United Nations after gathering the nuclear stockpiles of all nations and flinging them out into the far reaches of space. Lex Luthor (Gene Hackman) is on hand to cause mischief, as usual. Even Superman can't rescue this picture, despite its excellent message. Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Jackie Cooper, and the rest of the *Superman* regulars are at hand.

Death of an Angel starring Bonnie Bedelia and Nick Mancuso is a picture that lost direction. Bedelia plays a newly ordained priest whose crippled daughter goes to a desert community run by a healer. The community is made up of Hispanic people who trudge up a mountain to watch the healer (Mancuso) pray to a crude statue of Christ until trickles of blood fall from the statue's crown of thorns and healings take place. The picture makes sense to this point, but then doesn't know what direction to take. Bloody in places, this picture isn't really worth the time spent watching it. Rated PG.

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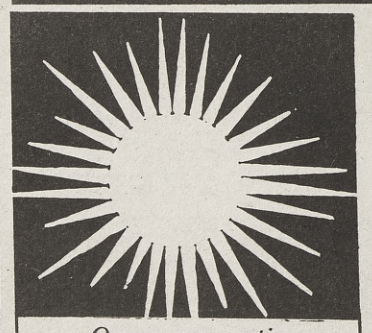

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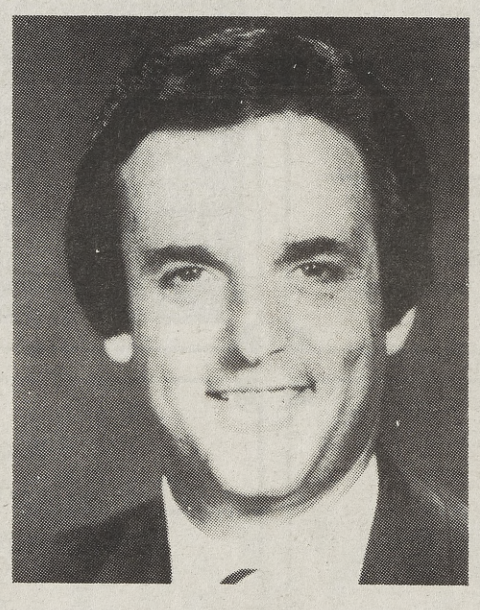

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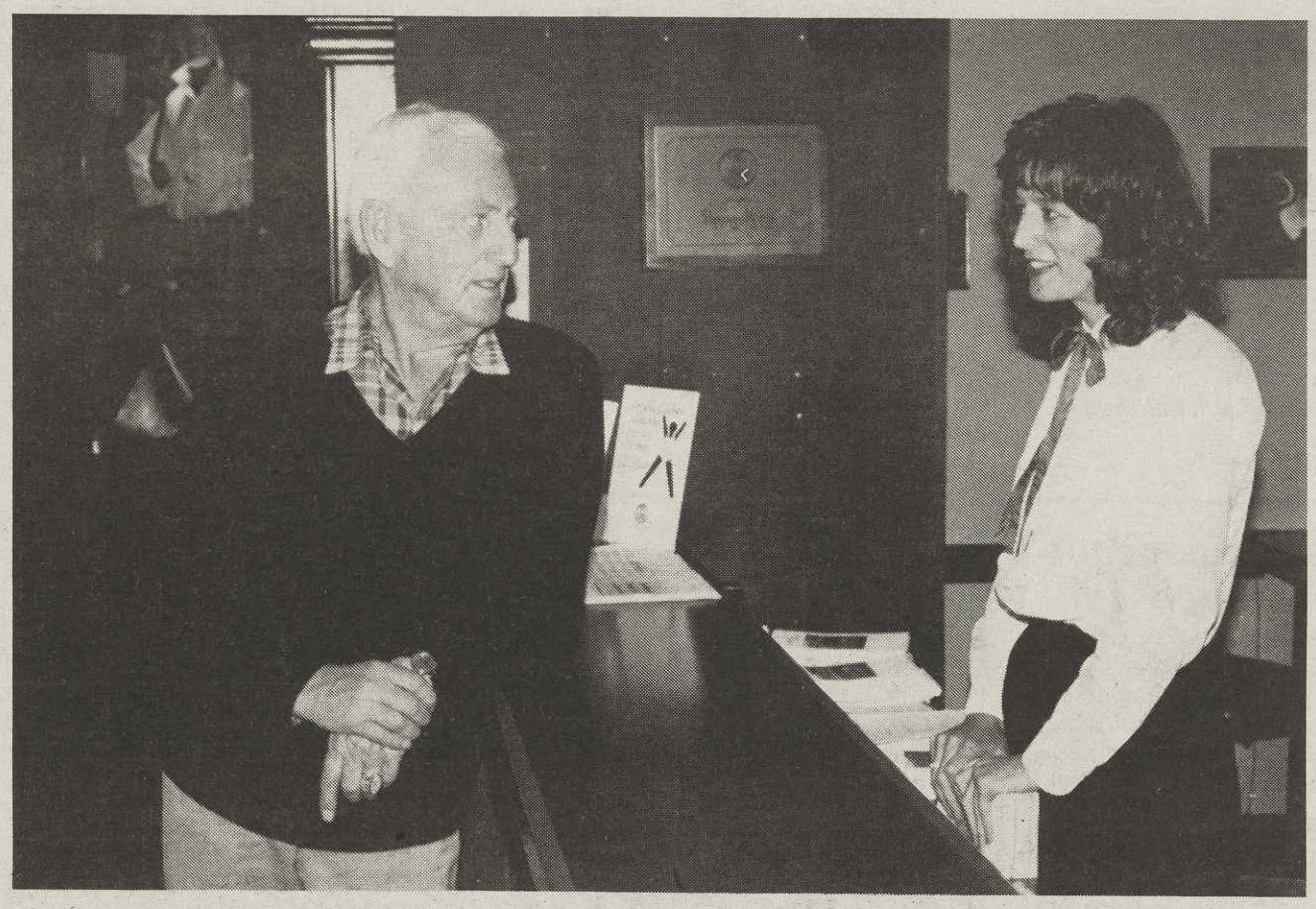

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Applications are sought from citizens interested in serving on the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District Board of Directors. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Carmel Highlands station.

The District serves Carmel Highlands and Carmel Meadows areas, from Fish Ranch to Otter Cove. The Fire Protection District operates the Fire Department; acquires and constructs facilities for the development, storage and distribution of water for fire protection; purchases, maintains and operates ambulance services; and establishes, equips, maintains and operates rescue and first-aid services.

Interested persons living in the area served by the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District are asked to send a letter of application and current resume to Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, 93940.

Speech & Drama Festival

Monterey County Office of Education's Sixth Annual Speech and Drama Festival is Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Salinas High School.

The competition is closed to the public; however, family, friends and the media are invited to attend the student performances and awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. in the Salinas High School auditorium.

Village Family Seeking 'Friends' for Diaper Service

A Carmel Valley Village couple hopes to find other new parents interested in securing diaper service to the Village.

Rolf Lygren contacted the *Sun* for assistance in asking if other Village families (or families living east of the Grade) would like to secure weekly diaper service.

"We've contacted the only available service in Salinas, but they need at least three more customers east of Laureles Grade to provide service to the Village area," Lygren says.

"I have all the information, if interested parents will call me at 659-0655. The service will cost between $10 and $15 per week for 80 diapers," he said.

Buddy Program Clowns Wanted

The Peninsula's Buddy Program Clown Troupe has openings for additional volunteers to work with the group.

Training for new participants will take place in late February. Clowns perform at parties and for community events, and all proceeds from their activities are donated to the Buddy Program.

For information about the training sessions, call Marianne Bingham-Rowe, 373-1017.

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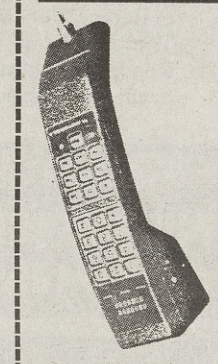

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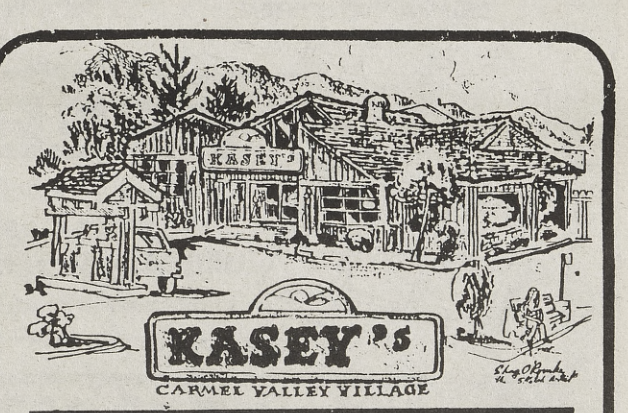

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The 1937 film, Captains Courageous, based upon the Rudyard Kipling novel, will be shown Friday (March 4) at 7:30 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library.

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RIBBON CUTTING for Carmel Valley High School's third building involved, from left, Lloyd Morain, Principal Blake Fuessenich, and CUSD Superintendent Robert Infelise, Mary Morain, Crafts Teacher Ken Weise, District Coordinator Rosemary Montgomery, and Trustee Hilton Bialek. The Morains donated the 20' x 30' steel storage building to relieve CVHS' chronic space problems. (*Sun* photo)

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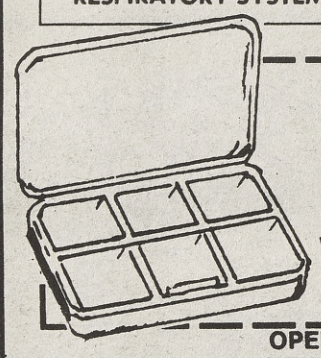

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Carmel Valley's High School Graduates 90% Of It's Students

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Carmel Valley High School is the Carmel Union School District's continuation and alternative high school campus.

Carmel Valley High School serves a maximum population of 45 district students, ranging from "special education" students to some of the brightest minds within the district. The latter include "classic underachievers," extremely high in ability, while lacking academic achievement.

Universally, within the 45 students enrolled at any one time, they enter CVHS "...weak in basic skills, well behind in credits toward graduation," reports Teaching-Principal Blake Fuessenich, who has headed the campus since 1983.

The challenge for Carmel Valley High School's administration and faculty is meeting social, emotional and flexible academic needs of students from the day they first enroll, in addition to "routine" educational needs.

Fuessenich heads a staff of Bruce Standard, who teaches Math-Computer Science and P.E.; Jeanne Fletcher, who teaches Science and English, in addition to organizing field trips and guest lecturers; and Ken Weise, part-time crafts teacher. Fuessenich teaches Social Studies and career education courses.

Rosemary Broderick is school secretary, in addition to directing work experience and drivers' education programs. She has been with the school for more than a decade.

This professional group strives to assist every student within limits of budget constraints and human resources.

The entire program is totally individualized, operating within a format of "No Failures-All Success."

Students earn credits for completion of course requirements, while they must prove ability to perform and understand the work.

"The student completes 235 credits — and graduates the day of completion," Fuessenich explains. "There's no waiting for classmates to complete the work, delays for scheduled ceremonies or other delays. Complete your high school education and get on with your life."

CVHS receives students who are from one to four semesters behind in academic work. To date, ninety-two per cent have graduated during Fuessenich's tenure, with more than 50% continuing to college, many going on to M.P.C. and other community colleges.

CVHS originally was located at Wood School, moving to Schulte Road in 1976. The campus has consisted of two "portable" buildings, a P.E. surface between and a sand volleyball/badminton court, all located on a small site about 100 yards west of Schulte, just a long block from C.V. Road.

CVHS's principal reports needs are considerably greater than the district, faculty and students would like.

A major "need" was filled this month with donation of a 20' X 30' steel storage building, complete with concrete floor, by Lloyd and Mary Morain of Carmel. The Morains had previously donated $1,000 for supplies and art materials, after hearing of the school's impoverished condition from Weise.

"District trustees do as well by CVHS as fiscal reality permits in this age of desperate education needs at every level," Fuessenich says. "We need a van for field trips, because we now rely upon donated funds to rent a van.

"We need complete sets of encyclopedias, at different levels, and books of all kinds. We need a video camera to tape guest speakers and programs for future students, and for mini-classes, and a 16 mm film projector," he adds.

"The AT&T Open Fund has helped, Arthur and Mary Stewart of Carmel Valley Manor have donated large sums to the school's cash fund (Augmenting the allowed $4,324 this year from the district for the school's "discretionary general fund."), as has J. Butts of the Manor. The discretionary fund is all Fuessenich has for flexibility. beyond salaries, plant support and specific allocations.

"This is the best school board, I've ever dealt

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Lady Padre Athletes — CHS' 1988 Field Hockey varsity took second in the league, in contention for the title to the end. Upper left, (from left) Cindy Mishiguchi, Grace Padilla and Diana DiStefano celebrate a score. (Hans Hess Photo) Upper right, Seretta Coomes, Heather Scrivner, Amy Morgan and Courtney Cook cheer teammates. (Ginny Maupin Photo) Lower right, Hillary Spaulding, Lauren and Grace Padilla battle Catalina. (Van Hess Photo) Lower left, Charmy Hacker drives, with Sunny Scolan "riding shotgun." (Jack Savage Photo)

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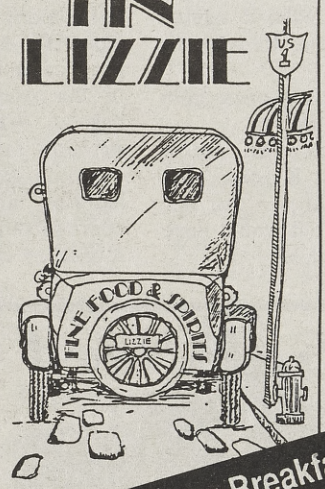

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Carmel Valley High

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with, but Prop. 13 and the Serrano-Priest decision, have left Carmel Union School District among the 'have not' districts in California, particularly when combined with the impact of declining enrollment upon state funding," Fuessenich says.

Carmel Valley High School thus is forced to rely upon private assistance if it is to achieve optimum results for its students.

Fuessenich, or the CVHS staff, can be reached at 624-4462, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The mailing address is 27335 Schulte Road, Carmel, Ca. 93922.

"People in the district need to understand that we are an alternative campus, in addition to being a continuation high school.

"We can serve students with substance abuse problems, those with involvement with juvenile and criminal justice systems, and with emotional and psychological factors in their lives.

"We have the people resources here to provide individual attention for dealing with problems. When we have helped the students handle personal problems, he or she can then achieve academically," Fuessenich states.

As a final note, he reports that for one major trauma (not drugs or substance abuse), a "self-survey" conducted by CVHS students on their own, revealed that more than 70% of the student population had been directly affected.

"These are not main stream kids, we know it, and they know it even more than the faculty. But with the individual attention CVHS can provide, we are able to help them achieve positively.

"We can show those who can help meet the school's needs exactly where the results come," he concludes. —*DM*

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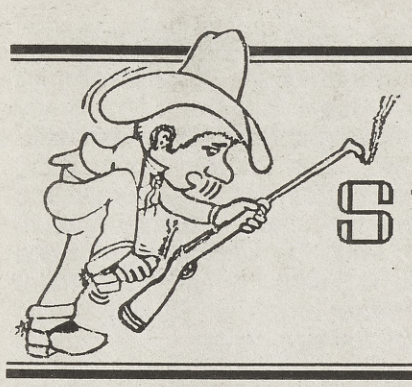

Dan McGrew's Straight Shootin'

Rumor has it that John Olin operates the Valley's largest manufacturin' enterprise.

Would you believe John calls his employees out on the weekend, without pay, and causes them to break into tears -- in public?

Next issue we'll have photographic proof, and hopefully, an adequate explanation.

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Wandered into Chutney's up at Crossroads th' other day. A six-foot redhead named Bonny asked, "Would you like to sit here?"

No way she was gettin' an argument from me. No sir, I sat where she said to.

Then I learned she reached votin' age in th' high plains of northwest Kansas. That qualifies as special. Had I known that initially, th' chair she pointed out would have been occupied a whole lot quicker.

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Would like to get in my congrats to "Mizzis Owhiggins." Particularly on her selection of associates and kin.

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Sidney, the female smokeater was bragging on The Valley's 4-H members and their real Christmas spirit. Reminded me of the 4-H Motto - "To Make the Best Better."

It is more than a coupla weeks since I had to memorize that motto and all about the "four H's" before getting out for recess -- to practice individualized creative expression in the semi-liquified natural playground base -- When you can come up with a string of fancy store-bought words in place of plain English, it shows you've been hanging around professional education administrators. "Playin' in the mud" sounds so earthy, don't you know.

Anyway, think about that 4-H Motto. You could do worse for somethin' to carry around in the brain box as a lifetime direction finder.

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Can someone advise as to th' rumored facts of some highly-calibrated types leavin' th' "Sail and Taddle" grounds late Saturday evenin' just to drop by Wills Fargo in hopes they would get to kick th' table legs out from under me?

Sure glad I talked Will Fay into letting me keep irregular hours perched up there with that noose 'round my neck.

Can't believe people would make a special trip just to shake those table legs. Considerin' that bunch, guess it was expectable. Some friends!

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Found this in an official (?) Monterey County communication:

"To keep your bathroom cozy, close your windows tightly. Turn the shower on hot for two (2) minutes (DON'T GET IN IT), and then the bathroom will be a hot sweat (Ed. note -???) for you."

Now what say we choose up sides and practice saying, ***"Let's waste water down at Rippling River." Right -- Monterey County Housing Authority staff??***

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C.V. Chamber of Commerce's Ann Olivier insists her official title is not "Manager."

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In case some of the recent "pilgrims" from back East haven't noticed, we've been having absolutely beautiful "winter weather."

That's the problem. It's too beautiful -- and DRY!

We are staring at an oversized water problem in the Valley and on the Peninsula, and don't let anyone kid you otherwise. Last year at this time, I was in the middle of a "water war" over further development of the Kings River in Fresno County.

Twenty-five years ago, I was in the middle of the fight for water in Central Arizona.

The Valley and Peninsula have been staring at a water crisis for most of the past half-century and we're experiencing two consecutive drought years.

One outcome of this great weather could be a late freeze killing all chances of fruit, grape or early flower crops, if it comes in early March, or late February.

The other is further restriction of already stressed water supplies.

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Years back, the Del Monte had Friday night King Crab feeds. Am I dreamin' or did they also serve crab pancakes with a "weird nut" flavorin? Who knows?

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Sheriff's Department Needs Help

In this issue's Sheriff's Log, there is an entry containing a report from PG & E that juveniles have been cutting wires at the base of electric poles to turn off lights in the parking lot at Sweet Retreat Bakery on Delfino Place.

According to Deputy Sheriff Pat DuVal, this is not "kid stuff," but rather is a highly dangerous activity.

"They must use insulated cutters, or they'd be fried by now," DuVal said. "Everyone should be on the lookout for these kids because they're playing a potentially fatal game."

The wires have been cut on four separate occasions last month.

Anyone who has observed the perpetrators or who has information is asked to call the Sheriff's Department immediately. Call 373-8411.

FRIENDS in Need

Snoopy and Duchess are looking for a permanent home. Both animals are spayed females and have all their current shots.

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WATER WATCH

By Henrietta Stern
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A Fresh Start In 1988

The first step needed to obtain permits for a New San Clemente Dam is the completion of an Environmental Impact Report and Statement (EIR/EIS). This is a monumental task. The Draft EIR/EIS completed last September elicited hundreds of comments from state and federal agencies, groups and individuals. Major issues included alternatives to a Carmel River dam, fish, growth and construction impacts.

By law, the District must respond to each comment on the Draft EIR/EIS. District Board and staff have spent many hours reviewing each comment and weighing its merit. Policy issues that were raised by commentors were addressed at three public meetings last month. Today's column reviews some of the more significant policy changes made by the Board.

Play It Again, Sam

Several federal agencies strongly urged that the District prepare a revised Draft EIR/EIS, essentially a request to write the document over again. The Board agreed to do so, even though it means a delay of 8 - 9 months. They believe the public is better served by taking some extra time now to address agency concerns, rather than rushing into a regulatory "brick wall."

A revised Draft EIR/EIS allows a fresh start of sorts. It provides our new Board an opportunity to reassess District goals and make any needed "mid-course corrections." One important element of a revised Draft is another look at various alternatives to the proposed dam. Actually, alternative projects have been considered many times and many ways over the years; we must formally document how we determine if an alternative is "practicable" or not.

The Board approved a two-phase process to screen potential alternatives. The first phase would assess cost, existing technology, logistics and availability. The sec- water in a drought (maximum shortfall), number of months of rationing and fishery enhancement. The District's computer model would be used to simulate alternative projects' performance over an 86-year period.

New Demand Projections

Projects analyzed in the existing Draft EIR/EIS are sized to meet expected water demand in the year 2020. A report by AMBAG, the regional planning agency, released after the Draft EIR/EIS was published indicates a much higher rate of growth than the District has projected. Based on this and other information, the Board decided to use "buildout" as the project water supply goal. Buildout is the amount of growth allowed in existing general plans, and most accurately reflects the District goal of "providing water for planned growth."

This policy change means that the project will not be sized to meet projected water demand in the year 2020; it will be sized to meet projected water demand at buildout, whenever that occurs (sometime between the years 2020 and 2035). The water demand for buildout will probably be higher than our existing figure; the District and AMBAG will work together to develop the most accurate projection possible.

Phasing of Yield Remains

The phased release of "new" water from the project is still an important component of any water project. The present formula calls for a 48 percent release at project construction, another 26 percent release at the year 2000, and a final release in the year 2010. Because a project won't be built until the early 1990s, the Board changed the second and final release dates to 2005 and 2015.

The amount of water released at each phase will be based on AMBAG population projections. Initial estimates of yield will be included in the EIR/EIS; however, the actual release for the year 2005 will be based on the 2000 Census and projections made at that time. The same is true for the 2015 water release; it will be based on the 2010 Census to assure a more accurate reflection of future needs.

Another policy change concerns recreational access to the new dam. The existing policy is to allow "passive" recreation — hiking, horseback riding or picniking at the reservoir site. Many nearby residents are concerned about increased fire hazards and loss of privacy. The State Department of Health is concerned about potential contamination to the water supply and has urged the Board to limit access. Based on these comments, a new policy was formulated: the District will not provide recreation access, but will not interfere with other agencies (such as the Regional Park District) that develop trails or other facilities.

Water District Will Analyze New Wells in Carmel Valley

The Water Board on February 10 decided on a 4-3 vote to analyze new wells in Carmel Valley as part of the "no project alternative" in the EIR for the proposed New San Clemente Dam. A no project alternative is required by law to describe what is likely to happen if the dam is not built.

In an earlier Water Board meeting, the directors split 3-3 on the issue of including new Valley wells, so no decision could be reached. Director Karin Strasser Kauffman was absent from that meeting.

At the February 10 meeting, the issue was posed somewhat differently, and this prompted one director to vote differently. This time, the motion was to analyze *two* no project alternatives, one with new wells and the other without.

District legal counsel advised that since Cal-Am had stated the wells will be needed, failure to analyze them could be alleged as a legal defect in the EIR.

Chairman Nick Lombardo argued that "we don't want to be challenged on not being sufficiently thorough with the alternatives." He and directors Paul Davis, James Hughes and David Pendergrass voted to analyze two no project alternatives, one including the proposed new wells.

The motion specified that analyzing the possibility of wells does not imply approval of them. Lombardo stated explicitly that he opposes new wells and "would never vote to drill another well in Carmel Valley."

Directors Dick Heuer, Karin Strasser Kauffman and Billy DeBerry voted against creation of a second no project alternative to analyze the wells.

Heuer stated that additional wells would cause unacceptable environmental damage. He added that any legal requirement to analyze the wells could be satisfied by carefully documenting the ample justification for not including them in the no project alternative.

Strasser Kauffman argued that including the wells as a specific alternative would mislead the public into thinking these wells are possible or likely. "These wells are not desirable and not likely to happen," Strasser Kauffman said.

"Apart from the environmental damage, we need that water in the aquifer to help flush out the septic contamination to protect our water quality. If we tamper with the aquifer, we are going to ruin the only major water source we have on the Peninsula. Sinking more wells is asking for disaster," according to Strasser Kauffman.

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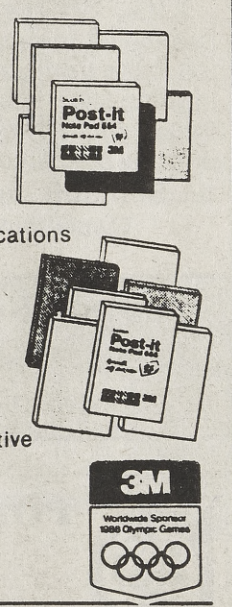

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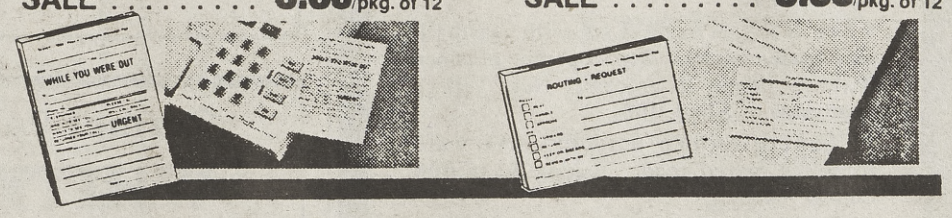

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By Galen Call, Realtor Associate
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The relationship you establish with your real estate agent must now be fully documented, according to a new law that became effective January 1, 1988. This new "Agency Disclosure Law" is the latest in legislative activity designed to protect buyers, sellers and agents alike.

Over the years, confusion as to who represented whom was repeatedly seen in state court rulings. Some decisions, for example, voided sales because real estate agents failed to disclose they were representing *both* buyer and seller. Although this new law results in yet more paperwork in the sales transaction, it attempts to clarify and eliminate potential misunderstandings.

Civil Code 2373-2382 regulates the disclosure of agency relationships in certain real estate transactions. "These include property with one to four dwelling units, any leasehold in this type of property exceeding one year duration, and mobile homes when offered for sale or sold through an agent," according to the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) legal department.

In the early implementation of this law, each real estate office can elect its individual policy from the perspective of both a listing and selling office. C.A.R. has supplied sample policies to all offices with the understanding that independent counsel can draft one policy or another. Thus there is tremendous flexibility.

"California law allows the agent to represent both the buyer and seller in a transaction, and thus serve as a dual agent, only if that relationship is disclosed to both of them, and their consent is given," says Jim Johnson of the San Francisco Chronicle. By and large it encourages the consumer to make inquiries and helps him or her understand the relationship that is chosen.

The very concept of dual agency in real estate is often difficult for the consumer to understand. As agents, we are not lawyers. We are not creating an adversarial relationship in the sale of real property! We are trying to bring buyer and seller together...not split them up! However, due to a lack of formal disclosure, confusion sometimes took over, thus the creation of the new Agency Disclosure Law.

For the consumer, there are three parts to the agency disclosure procedure:

1. *Disclosure.* The consumer may peruse a one page description of what it means to have a seller's agent, a buyer's agent, or an agent representing both buyer and seller. This description is informative and adequate for a wise decision.

2. *Elect.* Elect the kind of relationship that is desired — representing buyers exclusively, sellers exclusively, or dual agency representing both buyers and sellers in the same transaction.

3. *Confirm.* Simply sign a form to confirm the agency relationship you have elected.

If one is a dual agent, can he or she be fair about representing the price of a home? The law permits the agent to be confidential about such information, yet that agent can certainly disclose other facts regarding the seller's motivation to sell or the buyer's need to purchase.

The key to this new law is written confirmation prior to the offer to purchase. Both buyer and seller must be informed before the buyer offers and before the seller accepts the offer. Your agent must keep you informed, in writing.

Mortgage Interest Rates

Lender	30 Yr. Fixed Rate Loan Int.	Pts.	Adjustable Rate Loan Int.	Pts.
American S & L	10.000	2.00	7.750	1.50
Bank of America	9.875	2.00	7.500	1.50
Calif. First Bank	10.125	2.00	7.375	1.50
First Interstate Bank	9.750	2.00	7.500	2.75
Fremont Bank	9.875	2.50	7.375	1.00
Great American Ist S&L	9.875	2.00	7.250	1.50
Great Western Bank	10.050	2.00	7.500	1.50
Home Federal S & L	10.000	2.00	7.750	1.50
Household Bank	10.250	2.00	7.625	1.50
Monterey S & L	10.175	2.00	7.850	1.50
SF Federal S & L	10.000	2.00	7.750	1.00
Wells Fargo Bank	10.250	2.00	8.875	1.50
World S & L	10.125	2.00	7.900	1.50
Monterey Coast Mort.	9.750	2.00	7.500	2.50

This table is a representative sampling of local mortgage loan interest rates for owner-occupied residences. Many other lenders offer similar loans.

Rates were in effect on the Monday prior to publication. Rates are subject to change. There is no guarantee of loan availability with any particular lender.

Interest rate and points are not the only factors to consider when comparing mortgage terms. You may also wish to determine maximum loan amount, minimum percentage down payment, processing time and fees.

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) have rates that change according to the cost of money in the money market. The ARM rate cited here is the "going in" rate designed to attract buyers who otherwise might not qualify. To compare ARMs, you will need to determine the time of the first adjustment, frequency of subsequent adjustments, maximum annual increase, maximum allowable rate, the money market index used as basis for the adjustment, and the "spread" between this index and the adjusted interest rate.

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Cachagua Area Plan

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rancher and viticulturist." Lupe Alonzo, vice chair of the advisory committee, said the permit and other requirements would "make it very difficult for a farmer to change his operation in response to market trends without going through a lot of hearings."

Attorney Gary Varga, representing Durney Vineyards, echoes this view. He asked that the regulatory process be specified more clearly so that we know "how much time would be required if we wished to expand the vineyards by several acres."

Varga also noted there is little commentary about rights or regulations that apply to visitors to the vineyards, and no discussion of policies that would apply to expansion of Comsat.

Bob Wilson criticized the "erroneous assumption in the EIR that erosion along Tularcitos Creek is caused by cattle grazing" that kills streamside vegetation. Ridge Watson opposed the proposed well monitoring by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Alan Heller asked that the EIR identify the potential impacts of the proposed community park on roads and other services. He wants the EIR to specify mitigations for these impacts to ensure that the park is only for local use.

The advisory committee's proposal for a small commercial area at the corner of Cachagua and Nason Roads elicited conflicting views from Cachagua residents. Harold Steinmetz, Rex White and Al Andersen opposed commercial development here on grounds that it is a dangerous intersection and the property has drainage problems.

Diana Freitas, Steven Sprague and Lloyd Hill argued for commercial development at this location. Sprague said a store and gas station there would save him a forty minute trip, and Freitas noted that any adverse impacts could be mitigated.

The EIR, which took the brunt of the criticism, was written by County Planner Joel Panzer, himself a resident of Cachagua. After the meeting, the *Sun* asked Panzer to comment on the criticism.

"It is based on a misunderstanding of what we are required to do by the California Environmental Quality Act," Panzer aid. "They think the EIR changes what they want to do in the plan. What the County is saying is, if this is what you want to do, these are the impacts it may have. And here is how those impacts can be mitigated, so that you can go ahead and do the things you want to do."

To many residents of Cachagua, however, mitigation is just a fancy word that means regulation, and that doesn't fit their independent life style.

Radar on CV Road

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growth, he asked, what is going to happen?

Henson wants to see an EIR that discusses the economic feasibility of the build out presently planned for the Peninsula. "I don't believe we can afford four lanes on Carmel Valley Road, the Hatton Canyon Freeway and what is needed on Highway 68. But if we don't do those things and more, the traffic we see now will be miniscule compared with what we will have after the planned build out," Henson said.

sales tax now under consideration.

Lynne Mounday discussed provisions of the Carmel Valley Master Plan that apply to Carmel Valley Road. The County is now developing amendments to the master plan to implement Judge Richard Silver's decision ordering "trigger mechanisms" that would stop development if highway conditions deteriorate.

The proposed amendments call for twice yearly monitoring of traffic at 12 locations; yearly evaluation in December to identify road segments approaching the limit; and, if the limit is reached, a public hearing and deferral of approval of discretionary land use permits.

Alexander Henson, who prosecuted the law suit leading to Judge Silver's order on trigger mechanisms, described the issues involved. Henson claimed the EIR on the master plan was inadequate because it failed to analyze the economic feasibility of the measures intended to protect us from the consequences of increased growth — new roads, new dam, and additional sewage capacity.

Henson noted that McClain had just said money is not available for road improvements. If there isn't any money to pay for the infrastructure required for further

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Contractors' Alliance
Meeting Only Outlines Problems

Contractors Alliance of Carmel Valley members and associates met with Monterey County employees February 8 to review major conflicts arising from threatened enforcement of land use zoning within the new Carmel Valley Master Plan.

(Ed. Note — For at least 30 years, some contractors have operated from Valley-acreage homes, which included storage areas for their equipment. Many others have done so for from 10-30 years.)

The CV Master Plan's zoning prohibits "home storage" and proposes a system of Equipment Service Centers, with specific criteria for such locations. To date, there are no established standards or costs for needed acreage, acceptable locations, required investment or operation restrictions.

Two long-time Valley resident contractors have been issued "citation letters" advising their existing operations are in code violation.

The county was represented by employees Dale Ellis, Lynne Mounday and Carolyn Anderson.

Louise Bishop told them and the meeting, "I served on the Service Center committee for the Master Plan. The ordinance has several service center criteria, and suggests several locations, none of which meet minimum criteria."

Stew Clough, another veteran of the Master Plan development effort, stated, "I served in that process, and the simple fact is the only people who were listened to were the spokesmen for CVPOA. The contractors were ignored when we tried to make any of these points, which the County is now saying we should have brought up before the ordinance was completed."

"CVPOA ran the whole show, we were deliberately ignored. Now you tell us we should have been involved. We were, and our positions, needs and ideas were totally ignored," Clough declared.

Engineer Joel Readio said, "I've lived in the Valley since 1961, and Monterey County Public Works Department has never found a sensible solution to the problem of what to do with County equipment and gravel piles. Now this enforcement crackdown on contractors, while the County still violates every principle of responsible citizenship."

"Hell, a day nursery makes more noise than a backhoe, parked or moving," Readio declared.

Terry Bishop said, "None of us have $200,000 to $2,000,000 to buy a piece of land, just so we can apply for a Service Center permit, with no assurance of getting approval.

"We can't even get a full answer as to what it will take to receive approval of an application, except the County wants a lot of money up front in the process, which won't be refunded when the applications are denied."

John Raden asked, "How will the County address contractors planting trees and shrubs, concealing their equipment behind foliage on their own property?"

Alliance president Tom Nassetta, supported by several members, repeatedly proposed a "joint County-contractor project" of service centers dispersed along the Valley for both private business and County Public Works needs.

The county's trio pointedly ignored this repeated suggestion. They offered a complete outline of Service Center criteria, but completed only one item.

They pointed out that development of the service center approach was prohibited by court orders for seven years.

But, they insisted, now that injunctions have been lifted, Valley contractors must immediately commence to "get legal."

In short form, the County's representatives' response to the private business people present was, "We (the County) have a problem, which we have had for a long time, and which we have not been able to resolve. The Master Plan will force you (contractors and businessmen) to solve it for us."

The contractors' response developed as, "We are to be forced to put up at least $1200 just to file for any zoning approval, either a Service Center designation for our own existing operation, or a combined, joint-occupant facility.

"The County's bureaucrats say the Master Plan is flexible. What that appears to mean is that they have infinite flexibility to deny applications and still collect the fees."

Other discussion ranged from the Alliance securing legal counsel, to an "en masse" presentation before Monterey County Supervisors.—*DM*

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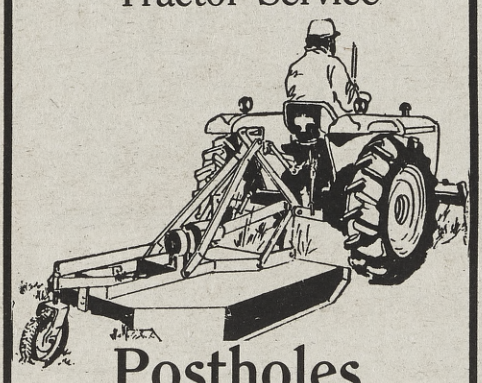

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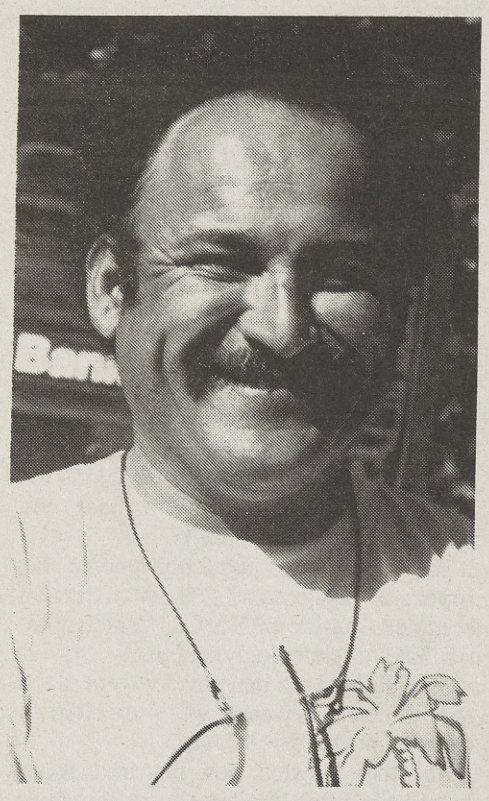

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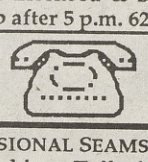

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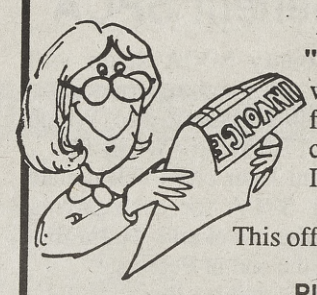

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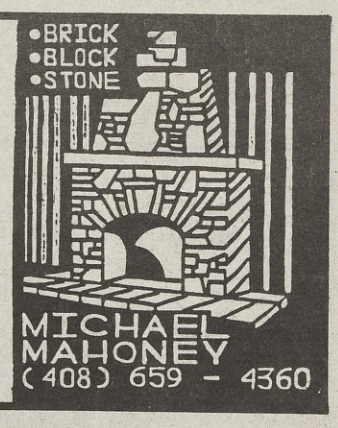

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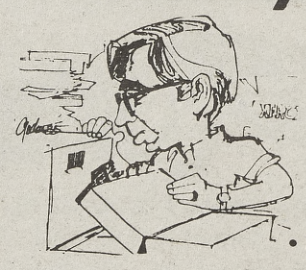

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